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Millions expected to view Jackson memorial

TV Tens of millions around the world are expected to tune in to watch today's Michael Jackson memorial at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, according to the most recent media predictions.

Many major TV networks, including CTV, CBC and CNN, are expected to broadcast the event, which takes place at 10 a.m. PT (11 a.m. MT).

The public memorial will feature performances by Mariah Carey, Usher, Stevie Wonder and other well-known stars, according to a release on behalf of the Jackson family.

Given the feverish interest in all things Jackson, the memorial could be one of the most-viewed events of all time.

Metro Canada will have live updates of the memorial service today at metronews.ca, and feature comprehensive coverage in tomorrow's issue of the paper.

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Stelmach **Flapjack flip**

ROBIN KUNSINGER/METRO CALGARY

Premier Ed Stelmach focuses on making the perfect silver-dollar pancakes yesterday at the annual Premier's Stampede Breakfast, held at the McDougall Centre in downtown Calgary. No incidents involving pie were reported at the event. More Stampede coverage, pgs 9-11

Rail link benefits differ

Calgary would prosper more than Edmonton, report says

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

A high-speed rail link between Alberta's two major cities would benefit Calgarians more than their northern counterparts, according to a provincial report.

The report, released yesterday, compared a number of factors between the two cities, based on a train that would travel at speeds of 500 kilometres per hour.

In Calgary, the high-speed rail would see 3,125 jobs created in comparison to the 2,050 that it would create in Edmonton, the report said.

In terms of income benefits, Calgary would see an increase of $235.7 million, whereas Edmonton would see $146.1 million.

The report adds that the property value benefits would increase to $736.1 million in Calgary and $449 million in Edmonton.

Adam Legge, vice-president and chief economist with the Calgary Economic Development, agreed that a rail link would benefit Calgary more than Edmonton because it provides a better travel option for businesses.

"I think there is more travel of Calgary businesses up to Edmonton, whether it's to meet with government officials or oil-related companies, versus the number of people that need to come down from Edmonton to Calgary," said Legge.

However, Ron Gilbertson of the Edmonton Economic Development Corp., said that there are too many variables to project the differences between the two cities over the next 30 years.

"You are going to have a fair bit of variability because you're making a lot of assumptions about how fast the economy is going to grow, the population and how many people will be travelling," said Gilbertson.

"I would be surprised if the difference between the two cities would be all that great."

Factors

- The province's report says that the differences between the two cities are based on current and projected socioeconomic characteristics.

Woman dies after catching flu

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Canada

H1N1 After confirming that an Edmonton-area woman is dead after contracting influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, Alberta Health Services officials are assuring residents there is no need to panic.

The middle-aged woman is the second to die in Alberta since the outbreak of the virus.

Officials were tight-lipped yesterday about the woman's condition before her death, but did say she suffered from pre-existing chronic health complications.

She was medevaced to a hospital in Edmonton from another province on June 30, but died the same day, officials said yesterday.

Despite the recent death, health officials are urging residents to remain calm and stay the course with frequent hand-washing.

"We're delivering the same message we have been saying," said Alberta Health Services spokeswoman Jackie Bhatti. "Over 4,000 Canadians die from flu every year."

Eleven new cases of the virus were reported in Edmonton over the weekend, while Calgary saw 13 new cases.

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Moose stopped in its tracks
A Fish and Wildlife officer put the brakes on a young moose trying to cross Deerfoot Trail near 130 Avenue SE early yesterday morning. The moose was tranquilized and relocated to an area west of Bragg Creek. METRO CALGARY

Local

Calgary drops on cost of living list

Calgary sits 89th on a list of 143 world cities ranked according to cost of living — a drop from 66th in 2008 — in the 2009 Mercer Cost of Living Survey. The index, which tracks the cost of over 200 items, is used by companies to determine compensation for expatriates working in other countries. Toronto is the highest ranked Canadian city at 85th. Tokyo, Japan has the highest cost of living. METRO CALGARY

Stelmach talks climate change with federal MPs

POLITICS Climate change was of high priority during yesterday's meeting between Premier Ed Stelmach and federal cabinet ministers.

"Energy, the environment, and the economy are interconnected and must be dealt with together" said Stelmach.

Jason Kenney reinforced the premier's statement and said that "the focus is on developing new technologies to reduce C02 emissions." He went on to say "funds involved in the development of technologies to reduce of climate change should stay here in Alberta."

Kenney also announced that Alberta would be part of a Canadian delegation attending an international summit on climate change this year in Copenhagen.

"Alberta will have a key roll in the delegation to share its voice and its views," he said.

"We will be participants," Stelmach added, stressing the importance of Alberta's input on determining climate change policy.

KATHLEEN ISRAEL/ FOR METRO CALGARY

Pit bull owner hit with fines

Two girls who were attacked by dogs recovering, says father

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

The father of two small girls viciously attacked by dogs at the end of June has a sense of relief the situation is being dealt with.

Bylaw officers issued fines, which could total $10,000, to the person believed to be the owner of the pit bull cross who attacked the daughters of Jaswinder Mahal.

"I do have a sense of relief that the owner has now been dealt with," said Mahal.

Mahal still feels that it is important bylaw officers find one of the dogs that attacked his girls and is still on the loose.

"The bylaw officers still need to put down the second dog too, they need to find it, because it is still dangerous to have it (still at large)," said Mahal.

Bylaw officers issued tickets a 26-year-old woman, at her home on Tarawood Road.

According to bylaw officers the woman had 12 charges pressed against her, six of which were for three attacks on people. She was also issued a mandatory court appearance.

"The amount of the fines are at the court's discretion, but if you check out the responsible pet ownership you'll find out that the penalty for an attack causing severe injury is $1,500," said Tony Thomas, north operations manager for animal bylaw services in the city.

Mahal said physically his daughters are well on their way to healing but there is emotional damage.

"Emotionally they are still scared and they still don't like to go out," said Mahal.

JOEL MESSNER/FOR METRO CALGARY

Animal and Bylaw Services continue to hold a male pit bull terrier, believed responsible for attacks on three people in late June. Bylaw officers fined the alleged owner in the attacks.

450 tickets issued for low-level crime

POLICE A seven-day awareness operation on city pathways led to the Calgary Police and Animal and Bylaw Services officers to write 450 tickets.

Around 50 officers took part in the joint education and enforcement program on pathways to deal with low-level crime and disorder from June 9 to June 18.

The various offences related to range of offenses — from bicycle safety to minor drug and drug trafficking crimes.

Pathways along the Bow and Elbow Rivers and Glenmore and Fish Creek parks were included in the operation. METRO CALGARY

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What's online today.

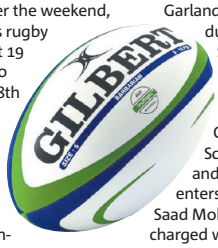
Video Comrades gather at Kandahar Airfield to honour Canadian Cpl. Michaud, at **metronews.ca/canada**

Video Japanese emperor meets Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean during state visit, at **metronews.ca/canada**

Calgary in brief

CHUCKWAGONS A horse died of a heart attack at the Calgary Stampede after it was reported to have collapsed after its heat and post race walk in front of the grandstand. Stampede officials say it is rare for a chuckwagon horse to die of a heart attack.

TRIUMPH Over the weekend, The Cannibals rugby team beat out 19 other teams to capture the 38th annual Stampede Sevens Rugby Tournament. The squad is the former team of Keni Su'a, innocent shooting victim in the New Year's Day triple homicide.



FALL A man suffered a broken pelvis, wrist, ribs and nose, and a dislocated leg after falling from the second level escalator at the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Sunday. The incident is believed to be an accident, with witnesses telling police the victim was seen trying to hand a cellphone to a friend over the side of the escalator.

SCHOLARSHIPS Subway Restaurants has awarded five Calgary youth soccer players with scholarships for excellence on and off the field. Manveer Sartaj, Benjamin Killen, Courtney Merkle, Iceri Garland and Rebecca Carnduff each received $1,000 scholarships.

CHARGES Police have charged a man in connection with a Country Hills Scotiabank robbery and two break and enters in Coventry Hills. Saad Mohamad Osman, 24, is charged with robbery, mischief, being unlawfully in a dwelling and break and enter.

CHILDREN A 50-year-old man admitted to leaving his 21-month-old child in a vehicle outside a Calgary casino in March while he gambled inside in charges faced under the Child and Youth and Family Enhancement Act. The man still faces a criminal charge of abandoning a child.

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Fifth person dies of swine flu

A fifth person in Manitoba has died from illnesses related to influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

MP bucks secrecy trend

Simson posts taxpayer-funded expenses online

Michelle Simson learned a simple lesson as assistant branch manager at a Scarborough bank: when handling other people's money, account for every penny spent.

Her grandfather had instilled a similar message of responsibility in her father, and her father passed it on to her.

So it was quite a surprise when Simson arrived in Ottawa last fall to find that this thinking would cast her as a renegade on Parliament Hill.

The Liberal MP for Scarborough Southwest joins a club of one this week when she becomes the first federal politician to post all of the expenses that she claimed for the 2008-09 fiscal year on her website.

There is about $95,000 to set up and run an office for five months, 75 per cent of what she was entitled to use; a negligible amount to wine and dine officials and constituents; and close to the maximum of about $25,000 that MPs are granted to rent and maintain a second home in Ottawa.

Disclosing the claims is the simplest of actions. It could easily have gone unnoticed in the sleepy summer months.

But in choosing to reveal how she spent taxpayers' money since the October federal election, she is bucking a trend of secrecy that crosses party lines.

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Disclosure

- Of the 37 MPs contacted last month, only six agreed to divulge how they spent a portion of the funds. All were Liberals.

Ottawa **Royal visit**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko greet school children at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday. Their visit to Canada, which celebrates the 80th anniversary of the first Canadian diplomatic mission in Japan, marks the first-ever Japanese Imperial visit in Canadian history.

News in brief

REPORT The Harper government's claim that it can end its deficit-funding within five years cannot be believed, says parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page. In a new report, Page says the federal deficit in the next five years will reach $156 billion.

ECONOMIC RANKING Canada is still a "B" student when it comes to economics, says the Conference Board of Canada. The research organization released a report card yesterday on the economic performance of the world's 17 richest countries, noting Canada managed to maintain its overall "B" grade and 11th place ranking in 2008 despite the global economic crisis.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sketch of suspect released after assault of 6-year-old

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

CRIME Mounties in Surrey, B.C. yesterday released a composite sketch of a man accused of sexually assaulting a young girl at knifepoint.

RCMP Sgt. Roger Morrow said the six-year-old girl "has been very strong throughout this whole ordeal."

The sketch is based on a description from the young victim's 12-year-old brother, who was threatened with a knife and told not to move while the man assaulted his sister.

Morrow cautioned, "It is not a definitive picture, but rather a tool that our investigators will be using."

None of three children there at the incident said they had seen the suspect prior to the assault, Morrow added.

Police said a man in his late 20s or early 30s approached the youths with a folding knife and forced them into a treed area Friday night. There he threatened two boys before taking the girl to a different area and sexually assaulting her.

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Zelaya to meet with Clinton today: Official

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is expected to meet ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya in Washington today, a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity said yesterday. REUTERS

World

Turkish authorities balk at religious reality TV

What happens when you put an imam, a priest, a rabbi and a monk in a room with 10 atheists? A Turkish television network hopes the answer is a ratings success for a game show where spiritual guides from the four faiths will seek to convert a group of non-believers. The prize for converts will be a pilgrimage to a holy site of their chosen religion — Mecca for Muslims, the Vatican for Christians, Jerusalem for Jews and Tibet for Buddhists. But religious authorities in Muslim but secular Turkey are not amused and the Religious Affairs Directorate is refusing to provide an imam for the show. REUTERS

News in brief

IRAN Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned Western countries yesterday against interfering in Iranian affairs after its disputed presidential election, state television reported. Iranian authorities accuse the West, particularly the U.S. and Britain, of inciting unrest following the June 12 vote in which President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was re-elected.

G8 Italy, France and Britain called yesterday for major developing economies like China and India to sign up for a goal of halving the world's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 at this week's G8 summit in Italy. Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said the "extremely ambitious" goal would be the focus of the second day of the summit on Thursday, when U.S. President Barack Obama will chair a meeting of the Major Economies Forum (MEF). REUTERS

Russia, U.S. look to ease tensions

Visiting U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev agreed on a target for cuts in nuclear arms and a deal to let U.S. troops fly across Russia at the start of a trip intended to mend strained ties.

Obama

Medvedev

At a cordial, formal news conference in the Kremlin, the two leaders spoke of their resolve to put differences behind them and focus on co-operating to solve global problems such as the spread of nuclear weapons.

At a signing ceremony, Obama and Medvedev pledged to finalize a treaty by year-end to cut the number of deployed nuclear warheads on each side to 1,500-1,675 from levels above 2,200.

Russia will allow 4,500 flights a year carrying U.S. troops and weapons to the war in Afghanistan to cross its territory free of charge, a move hailed by the U.S. as showing Moscow's willingness to help in the war on the Taliban.

It remains to be seen whether Obama gets the same message today at a breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. REUTERS

More than 1,400 arrested in China

UNREST Hundreds of Uighur protesters clashed with Chinese anti-riot police in the capital of China's Muslim region of Xinjiang yesterday, two days after ethnic unrest left 156 dead and more than 800 injured.

The protesters said their family members had been arbitrarily arrested in a crackdown after rioting broke out in the regional capital Urumqi on Sunday, a Reuters reporter said.

Chinese police have arrested more than 1,400 people following rioting in the far western region.

While there were some reports that the violence had spread elsewhere in the region, Xinjiang's Communist Party boss said the unrest had been quelled, although he warned "this struggle is far from over."

Some Xinjiang newspapers also carried graphic pictures of the violence, including corpses, at least one of which showed a woman whose throat had been slashed. REUTERS

OSMAN ORSAL/REUTERS

Protesters burn a Chinese flag during a demonstration in Istanbul, Turkey, to protest against the deadly riot in China's northwestern region of Xinjiang yesterday.

Sensitive area

- Along with Tibet, Xinjiang is one of the most politically sensitive regions of China and in both places the government has sought to maintain its grip by controlling religious and cultural life while promising economic growth and prosperity.

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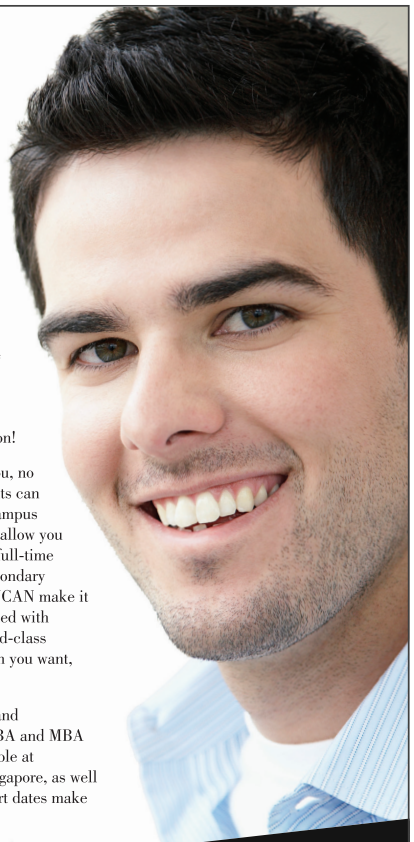

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Amsterdam to seek banking help for prostitutes
City council is focusing on a problem for one of the city's key business sectors — banking and credit for prostitutes who can't get accounts from mainstream institutions. REUTERS

Business

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GM to get $20B funding this year

A restructured General Motors Corp. will get the remaining $20 billion US in government bankruptcy financing over the rest of this year and could be ready to launch an initial public stock offering in early 2010, a senior U.S. official said yesterday.

Steven Rattner, who heads the Obama administration's autos task force, said he was confident that a U.S. bankruptcy judge's decision on Sunday to allow the sale of the automaker's best assets to a "New GM" would withstand appeals.

The decision will clear the path for the company to emerge from bankruptcy court in coming weeks and will allow the U.S. Treasury Department to focus on divesting its stake, Rattner told reporters on a conference call. The bankruptcy judge issued a four-day stay of the sale order, allowing for possible appeals.

Rattner expects GM to name additional board directors later this month.

A former investment banker, Rattner said an IPO for a portion of the government's stake that would return GM to public ownership would need a "decently robust" stock market to succeed.

"I believe that will be some time next year," he said. "I would like to think and hope that would be in the first half of next year but I would not want to predict anything specific."

The administration was not "trying to get the last dollar" for the taxpayer's investment of some $60 billion and would not wait for a stock market boom that never materializes, he said.

The government was committed to selling its stake as quickly as possible, but Rattner added, "when you're a 60 per cent shareholder, you can't sell it all in one day."

The government will receive a stake of that size in the new GM for the $60 billion in financing to support GM's turnaround, half of which is bankruptcy financing. About $50 billion of the U.S. government's money will be converted into stock in the reorganized company, which will still be named General Motors. REUTERS

$10-11B given

- GM has so far received about $10 to 11 billion of the bankruptcy financing and will get the rest of the money by year-end, though there was no set timetable for payments.

Machinists' union sets date for Air Canada vote

LABOUR Members of Air Canada's biggest labour union, who rejected a tentative contract agreement with the carrier last week, will vote again on the offer on July 14 after the two sides talked over the weekend, a union spokesman said yesterday.

Air Canada, the country's biggest airline, said in a statement that it and the negotiating team from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers had "agreed on the clarification of certain issues" in talks this past weekend. The two sides also agreed on a "prompt revote on the original agreements."

Union support is critical for Air Canada to gain federal approval for a temporary freeze on pension funding and $600 million in short-term loans. REUTERS

China calls for displacing dollar

CURRENCY The financial crisis has laid bare defects in the dollar-led global economy and the world should look to displace the U.S. currency, even if that will take many years, Chinese officials said in comments published yesterday.

The push for reform of the international financial system comes just before the G8 summit in Italy, where China's willingness to question the dollar's role could fuel debate.

The Special Drawing Right, or SDR, a unit of account used by the International Monetary Fund, presents an alternative to the dollar as a global reserve currency, said Li Ruogu, chairman of the Export-Import Bank of China. REUTERS

Better yardstick?

- The People's Bank of China made waves in March when it suggested that the SDR, whose exchange rate is determined by a mixture of dollars, euros, sterling and yen, was better suited than any one currency to be a yardstick for global trade.

Business in brief

GAS Spanish natural-gas distributor Gas Natural agreed yesterday to take 30 per cent of the output from a planned liquefied natural-gas facility on Canada's West Coast and may buy a stake in the operation, the proposed plant's operator said in a release.

BAIL A former Goldman Sachs computer programmer, Sergey Aleynikov, who stands accused of stealing secret trading codes from the investment bank was being held in federal custody yesterday, pending the posting of $750,000 US bail.

WEB Facebook will likely post billions of dollars in revenue in five years, up from about $500 million US this year, according to Silicon Valley entrepreneur Mark Andreessen. He said the world's most popular online social network could pile up $1 billion US in revenue this year if it pushed harder on selling advertising. REUTERS

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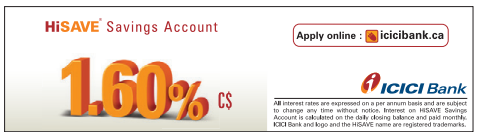

Fun, free and fulfilling

Reader submits his ideas for the good life

AlisonOnMoney
Alison Griffiths
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This column is dedicated to Barry of Halifax (because he basically wrote it.)

A few weeks ago I talked about how to find value in life without a hefty price tag. I didn't expect such an outpouring from you readers.

Barry sent me some ideas for those who enjoy the simple life. That's the only point of departure between Barry and me: There's nothing simple about his suggestions. Easy, yes, simple, no.

Alison's Money Rule:

• Take a little creativity, add a dash of heart and suddenly adding enjoyment into your life turns out to be pretty inexpensive.

1. Invite an older person (or two!) in your building or town to come for supper and make the night magical for them and for yourself. Cook a homecooked meal and even put a tablecloth on your table. If you don't have a tablecloth, use a clean bedsheet. (Remember those student days!)

2. Have an outside dance for a few people. Invite little Johnny and granny too! Make your own drums or clap your hands.

3. Put a jigsaw puzzle together as a get-together. Gather guests around to put the pieces in lace — it can be lots of old-fashioned fun.

You'd be surprised how volunteering your time can be fun as well as personally fulfilling and, of course, it's free. Try reading with children or to someone else who could use a little company.

4. Go outside in a group or a few people and lie down on the grass and dream all those dreams that are wanting to be released from your mind. This is for all ages. (I think there was a Robin William's movie with just such a theme.)

5. Take your dirty clothes to a friend's house to wash. Watch a movie in between loading and unloading and folding. Then, the next time, invite your friend to your place and do it all again. (What a brilliant idea! A laundry party.)

6. Read a short story to a blind person, a child or to someone confined in bed. It's actually highly entertaining.

In closing, Barry wrote, "I tried to think of entertainment that the poorest of people could do but that the richest people would enjoy as well."

Well done Barry. Thanks.

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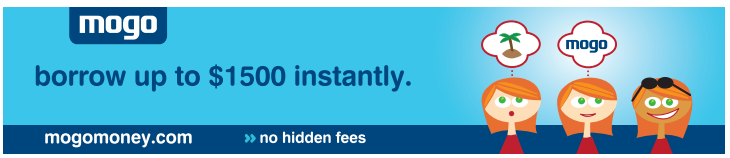

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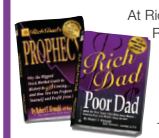

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Robert Kiyosaki will not attend this workshop.

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Tina Fazio won a free trip anywhere WestJet flies. She plans on heading to Las Vegas.

A lucky day for tourist

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For one Vancouver woman, yesterday was her lucky day at the Calgary Stampede.

Tina Fazio and her family were walking past the WestJet booth when they decided to try their luck at a scratch ticket, free to anyone who would like to participate, and much to her surprise she actually won a free flight.

"I couldn't believe it, I only scratched half the ticket and it said I won something but I had no idea I won a free flight," she said just minutes afterwards. "I'm going to fly to Las Vegas."

While Fazio won on her ticket, everyone is a winner even without scratching a free flight. WestJet is handing the tickets out, and even non-winners can still get either a 5 or 10 per cent discount, according to spokesperson Alyson Cameron.

"It's been really busy and people are really receptive to what we're doing so it's been really positive," Cameron said, adding there is an average of about five free flights given out per day.

Brad Davies didn't win but said he appreciated the 10 per cent discount anyway.

"I just saw it was a free giveaway and I like free things, so I wanted one," he added.

A family affair

Local woman, kin show miniature horses

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For one Calgary woman, showing miniature horses is a family affair at the Calgary Stampede and a tradition she has carried on for years with the same horse.

Having traditionally one of the oldest miniature horses in each competition, Robin Locke, 28, and her 25-year-old miniature horse, Chief, have been showing for 18 years together and won the national title at the Calgary Stampede on Sunday.

"I have actually been showing him since I was 10, so we have spent a lot of time together and we have developed a bond over the years. He knows me and I know him," Locke said after showing Chief yesterday in the agriculture centre.

"We have spent a lot of time together and we have developed a bond over the years." Robin Locke, on her horse Chief

Locke said even though Chief is one of the oldest horses competing, he still has lots of years left in him.

"I think when Chief retires, I will probably retire right along with him," she added.

But showing horses is a family affair in more ways than one for Locke.

Locke also shows Duchess, which is Chief's 20-year-old daughter.

Locke and her family own 10 horses together and both her mother and her older sister also participate in competitions.

"I like it because it's something we can do as a family and something we are all a part of."

The Locke family was very proud of the achievements of both miniature horses given their ages.

"There was a lot of applause and a few tears, since Chief holds a special place in a lot of exhibitor's hearts since he has been around for so long," Locke said.

Watching the show for the first time was Amanda Baird, all the way from New Zealand.

"It's very unique. I have never even seen a miniature horse before now so it's a bit of a novelty for me," Baird said.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Chief, a 25-year-old miniature horse, was showing yesterday at the Calgary Stampede grounds.

Today's Stampede music lineup showtimes

Today is Western Heritage Day

Nashville North Stage

2 p.m.: Karen Lee Batten
12:30 p.m.: George Fox
3 p.m.: George Fox
4:15 p.m.: Justin Ament
5:15 p.m.: Karen Lee Batten
6:15 p.m.: Justin Ament
7:15 p.m.: Karen Lee Batten
9 p.m.: Kentucky Headhunters
11 p.m.: Hey Romeo
12:15 a.m.: Hey Romeo

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Richard Young, left, and Greg Martin of Kentucky Headhunters.

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Coca-Cola Stage

12:45 p.m.: The Heebee-jeebees
2 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes
3:30 p.m.: The Heebee-jeebees
5 p.m.: Hypnotist Terry Stokes
8 p.m.: Inward Eye
9 p.m.: The Trews, left

WHAT'S ON

Arts & Crafts Booth
Daily at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Zone.

Meet Dora the Explorer
Runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jaycee Park in the Agriculture Zone.

Groovaloos
Watch the winners of the 2009 Superstars of Dance Competition at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. in the Big Four Building Zone at Bell Gateway.

Showbands Live
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Flying Fools make Stampede debut

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The Flying Fools High Dive Show had audiences captivated and glued to their seats, despite the rain and clouds in the sky yesterday.

Jumping from up to 25 metres in the air, the five performers had audiences oohing, gasping and clapping as they performed acrobatic and Olympic-style dives into the air only to land into a three-metre deep pool.

Flying Fools performer Yves Milord and his four teammates travel the world performing the crazy stunts, but it is their first time here at the Calgary Stampede.

ROBIN KUNISKY/FOR METRO CALGARY

Performers from the Flying Fools High Dive Show take part in their very first Stampede this year.

"I have wanted to come here for years and I am finally here and everyone loves it. I have been doing these stunts for 25 years and this is the first time we are here," Milord said as people lined up after the show to meet him.

Milord finished off the captivating show by diving into the pool of water from a 25-metre perch above.

"I have done over 3,000 jumps, but each time I just focus and make sure I don't get hurt because anything can happen."

While the show topper was the 25-metre dive, there were other captivating moments in the show too, like when the performers criss-cross one another in the air and hit the water at the same time.

"We love performing and I think the audiences can see we have smiles on our faces and we are having fun too," he said. "It's all about the interaction."

Onlookers Cody Martin and his friends just had a few words about the show.

"That was ... just mystifying how anyone can do that," Martin said.

Monday's rodeo event winners

Bareback
- Cody DeMers, Kimberley, Ida., on Centenial: 86 points.

Boys' steer riding
- Cawl Braithwaite, Bluffton, Alta.: 66.5 points.

Bull riding
- Devon Mezei, Wardlow, Alta., on Wranglers Rock Star: 91.5 points.

Ladies' barrel racing
- Deb Renger, Okotoks, Alta.: 18.27 seconds.

Novice bareback
- Sam Munsick, Sheridan, Wyo., on Rialto: 71 points.

Novice saddle bronc
- Aaron Lide, Odessa, Texas, on Rye Whiskey: 64 points.

Saddle bronc
- Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D., on Awesome: 86 points.

Steer wrestling
- Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alta.: 3 seconds.

Tie-down roping
- Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas,: 7.1 seconds.

Stampede, BMO proud to recognize farm families

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Celebrating the importance of agriculture in the province, BMO and the Calgary Stampede gave their annual recognition of 19 southern Alberta farming families yesterday.

The families were the recipients of the 2009 BMO Farm Family Awards, which are given to hard-working families who embody the ideals of the past and present to uphold Alberta's agricultural growth.

"These families are outstanding examples of how far farm management has come and the tremendous contributions these families make to enriching rural life in Alberta," said Ted McCarron, a BMO senior vice-president.

David Chalack, president and chairman of the Calgary Stampede board, said the families are an integral part of the community.

"We are proud to recognize families who uphold the traditions of the past while helping the province's future economic growth," he added.

The 19 families were all presented with a personalized farm gate sign and had their photos taken. They were also given free admission to the Stampede and tickets to the rodeo.

In the winners' circle

The 2009 BMO Farm Family Awards are:
- Coulson family
- Bectell family
- Bexte family
- Caskey family
- Cyr family
- Gardner family
- Jackson family
- Jeffery family
- Loewen family
- Losey family
- Main family
- Malaka family
- Murphy family
- Redekop family
- Richmond family
- Risdon family
- Schuld family
- Scott family
- Thurston family

Metro asks: What is your favourite thing about the Stampede?

Sharal Love
A: The food. I love the mini donuts and the shopping. Oh, and the rides too.

John Mitchell
A: I'm too old to love everything. I like the rodeo, and the chucks. That's what I came for.

Al Mah
A: I'd say I like the overall atmosphere at the Stampede the most.

Liroi Loh
A: It's actually my first Stampede so I am just enjoying checking everything out.

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The corporate kingdom

When are people finally going to say enough is enough?

John Manley has been named to replace Tom d'Aquino as the head of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, the ultra-powerful lobby group for corporate Canada.

Manley is a great catch for the corporate kingdom. As former industry minister and finance minister, he comes to the job with credibility and respect. It will be much needed because one of these days the dam is going to burst on the issue of corporate entitlement.

How much can the people take?

Consider the record. The corporate kingdom was highly instrumental in crashing the economy and now the taxpayer has to foot the bill, the auto sector being the prime example, to bail the companies out.

Many among the financial elite who wreaked economic havoc have walked off with millions in golden handshakes and compensations. The outrageousness of perks and executive compensation is well-documented. Our prime minister is paid $300,000 per year. Corporate executives get that in a fortnight. If they screw up on the job, they end up getting more.

Their tax write-offs are something to behold. Our sport of hockey has become hostage to corporate boxes. If you don't have an arena with 100 luxury suites, sorry, you don't get a team. And if you have a team with suites, the fan has to pay hundreds of dollars to go to a game, partly because of the tax-break infrastructure that caters to the corporate culture.

Canada's corporate taxation rate has gone down, down, down in modern times because of what basically amounts to blackmail. The corporations threaten to move offshore if they don't get their way on tax breaks. The threat works, the result being that much of the tax burden falls to the rest of us.

Corporate boardroom structures are a farce. The boards of directors are often chosen by the executives of the corporation. The board then negotiates and doles out salaries and limos and airplanes, etc., to those same executives. Shareholders are supposed to be in control. It doesn't work that way.

The time is ripe for an overhaul of corporate culture. In the United States, President Barack Obama announced a salary cap of $500,000 for executives of companies that receive a lot of bailout cash. But many of his measures against corporate greed have been watered down.

Here, much noise is made about the excesses of corporate entitlement. But action is another thing. This is stuff made in heaven for the New Democratic Party. For the Liberals it should be a high priority as well. The question is: Where are they?

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Future looks bleak for retirement savings

In theory, Canadians will retire on a mix of income from government pensions and entitlements, personal savings, and workplace pension plans. In practice, they can really only count on the first two. Even then, the Canada Pension Plan and benefits like Old Age Security will only fill a portion of their needs.

When it comes to personal savings and workplace pensions, though, our future looks bleak. For years, we've saved less and less. People were putting away more than 10 per cent of their disposable income in the mid-1980s; lately, it's closer to two per cent.

Even hard-core savers face obstacles. Those who save by investing in retail financial products are hit by high sales and management costs that undermine eventual yields. When stock markets dip, registered retirement savings account values follow, which explains why there was a six per cent decline in the number of people making RRSP contributions last year.

But why save when you can spend? Earlier this year, the Certified General Accountants Association reported that national household debt has reached $1.3 trillion, and 85 per cent of Canadians are carrying outstanding balances on their credit cards. Personal lines of credit now show outstanding balances of $181 billion. That's nearly four times the amount that was outstanding in 2000.

At worst, this country faces an unprecedented rise in personal insolvencies in the next few years. At best, all that accumulated debt will have to be paid down, further weakening our ability to save for retirement

Public and private sector employers can't help us out of this mess. Corporate and public sector pension plans have been struggling with funding deficits since the tech bubble burst in 2000, and remain billions short of their long-term funding commitments. In cases like Air Canada, where the pension shortfall is about $6 billion, the outlook is scary.

Making up funding deficiencies will take years. The corporate sector is also trying to lessen future needs by steering workers into defined contribution pension plans where companies aren't locked into pre-determined benefit payouts the way they are in traditional defined benefit plans.

However you define it, only 5.9 million workers are covered by employer pension plans. Of Canada's 11 million or so other workers, many have arrangements like company assisted RRSPs, while at least 3.5 million have no company plans at all.

Next: The growing pressure for a new, expanded public pension plan.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

PensionSeries

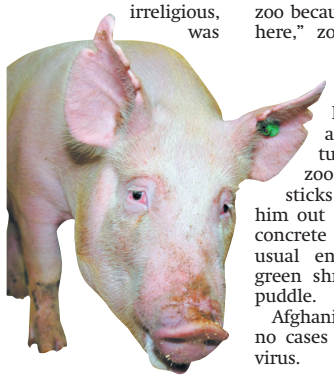
(Editor's note: This is the second part of a three-part series by Charles Davies on pension plans.)

Worth mentioning

That'll do pig, Afghan zoo tells only porker

Afghanistan's only known pig trotted out of quarantine on the weekend, two months after he was locked away because of swine flu fears, to bask again in the mud at the Kabul Zoo.

The pig, a curiosity in Muslim Afghanistan where pork and pig products are illegal because they are considered irreligious, was quarantined because visitors to the zoo were worried it could spread the new influenza A (H1N1) virus, commonly known as swine flu.



"Our people did not understand that the disease only passes from person to person and felt that the swine influenza might even be spread from the zoo because we have a pig here," zoo manager Aziz Gul Saqib told Reuters.

"Khanzir" — Pashto for pig — appeared unperturbed as a team of zoo workers used sticks to gently prod him out of his temporary concrete home into his usual enclosure of lush green shrubs and a mud puddle.

Afghanistan has reported no cases of the H1N1 flu virus. REUTERS

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JDG to TFC? And Stephen Hart speaks
Canadian international soccer player Julian De Guzman revealed on the It's Called Football show yesterday that he was considering a "lucrative" offer made by Toronto FC. To watch the show, which also included an interview with Canadian interim head coach Stephen Hart, visit metronews.ca/blogs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Cubs sold for $900M: Report

The Ricketts family, led by Chicago investment banker Tom Ricketts, has reached a deal to buy the Chicago Cubs and Wrigley Field from bankrupt media company Tribune Co. for slightly less than the original $900-million US bid, a source familiar with the deal said yesterday. Tribune has been trying to sell the team for more than two years to reduce the company's debt burden. REUTERS

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Sports in brief

OVECHKIN Washington Capitals left wing Alexander Ovechkin has been chosen as an official ambassador to the 2014 Sochi Olympics, Sochi officials said yesterday. Ovechkin is expected to lead Russia at the 2010 Olympic ice hockey tournament in Vancouver. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Kovalev signs with Sens

Maple Leafs bolster blue-line, Canucks add backup goalie

The Ottawa Senators inked free agent veteran forward Alexei Kovalev to a two-year contract yesterday.

Kovalev recorded 26 goals and 65 points in 78 regular-season games for the Montreal Canadiens last season, his fourth full season with the franchise. Despite two goals and one assist, he was a non-factor in the playoffs as the Habs were eliminated in a four-game first-round sweep against the Boston Bruins.

The 36-year-old lands with his fourth team since beginning his NHL career with the New York Rangers in 1992. Over 1,151 games with the Rangers, Penguins and Canadiens, the Russian has posted 394 goals and 941 points. In 116 playoff games, he has racked up 44 goals and 54 assists, and took home a Stanley Cup with the Blueshirts in 1994.

The Toronto Maple Leafs continued to revamp their backline, signing unrestricted free agent defenceman Francois Beauchemin to a three-year contract.

The 29-year-old missed the majority of the 2008-09 season with Anaheim while recovering from surgery to repair a torn ACL in his left knee, posting four goals and five points in 20 games.

A Stanley Cup winner with the Ducks in 2007, the native of Quebec and former third-round pick of the Canadiens in 1998 has compiled 21 goals and 90 points in 246 games with Montreal, Columbus and Anaheim.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver Canucks announced yesterday that they have signed goalie Andrew Raycroft. Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Raycroft, 29, spent last season with Colorado, posting a 12-16-0 record with a 3.14 goals-against average.

The Calder Trophy winner in 2003-04, Raycroft has spent eight seasons in the NHL with Boston, Toronto and Colorado, compiling a 94-96-16 record with 10 ties in 230 games with a 2.90 GAA and a .899 save percentage. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tour de France Armstrong makes a push

CHARLES PLATIAU/REUTERS

Riders cycle yesterday during the third stage of the 96th Tour de France race between Marseille and La Grande-Motte. Briton Mark Cavendish won the 196.5-kilometre stage. Seven-time winner Lance Armstrong had a strong stage and now sits third overall.

Gun at scene of McNair death belonged to girlfriend: Cops

SHOOTING Nashville police say the gun found at the scene of the shooting deaths of former NFL star Steve McNair and his girlfriend Saturday was purchased by the woman two days before the incident.

Police department public affairs manager Don Aaron spoke briefly yesterday and said Sahel Kazemi purchased the gun, a semi-automatic pistol, Thursday.

"As a result of the investigation, we now know that the gun recovered at the crime scene was purchased by Kazemi from a private individual," Aaron said.

On Sunday, police ruled McNair's death a homicide, but did not classify the death of the 20-year-old Kazemi. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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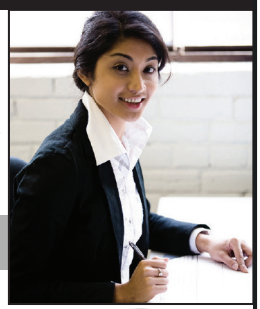

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Internet to help smokers quit
The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is leading a $2.9 million National Cancer Institute project to increase demand for evidence-based, Internet-based smoking cessation treatment for young adults aged 18 to 24 years. REUTERS

Health & Beauty

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The sexsomnia defence

Bizarre sleeping-assault case more common than most think

This week, Jan Luedecke, the Toronto, Ont., landscaper who was acquitted in 2005 for sexually assaulting a woman because he was sound asleep at the time of the assault, was scheduled to appear before a panel to determine if he should have any long-term restrictions on his freedom. Instead the panel ordered Luedecke undergo a "full and complete risk assessment" before making their decision.

Sexsomnia, like insulin, five-pin bowling and the term "cougar," is a Canadian discovery. I first heard about it at a sexuality conference in Guelph, Ont., several years ago when Dr. Paul Fedoroff, a forensic psychiatrist in Ottawa, Ont., presented research suggesting that stress, chronic sleeplessness, or alcohol or drug abuse may lead a person to engage in sexual behaviour while sound asleep. The research, which Fedoroff completed with co-researchers Dr. Colin Shapiro and Dr. Nik Trajanovic of the University of Toronto, first appeared in 1996 in a paper called Sexsomnia – A New Parasomnia? that was published in the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry in June 2003.

"Sexsomnia, like insulin, five-pin bowling and the term 'cougar,' is a Canadian discovery."

It was good timing for Luedecke as it was the wee hours of a house party in July 2003 when a woman woke up on the couch to find Luedecke having sex with her.

He was found not criminally responsible for the assault because he was asleep at the time.

He testified that he had been overworked, overstressed, sleep-deprived, taken magic mushrooms and knocked back a whole bunch of booze, pretty much in line with Fedoroff's definition of "sexsomnia."

As bizarre as this all sounds, Luedecke's case is not the first.

In December of 2005, a British man was cleared of three counts of rape because he suffered "sexsomnia" and wasn't conscious during the act.

In August 2007, a British mechanic was cleared of a rape charge after the jury found him not responsible for his actions when he had sex with a 15-year-old girl while asleep.

And it's not just a guy thing. In 2004, an Australian woman was reportedly leaving her house at night and having sex with strangers while sleepwalking.

Any type of sleepwalking is rare, occurring in about three per cent of children and young adolescents, and 0.5 per cent of adults.

According to research, four per cent of adults who suffer from the condition carry out sexual behaviour.

Stress, chronic sleeplessness or alcohol or drug abuse may lead a person to engage in what is known as "sexsomnia".

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

Willis enrols in 90210

Rumer Willis' latest TV gig will take her to 90210. The eldest daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, Willis will appear on at least one fall episode as Gia, a lesbian reporter for West Bev's Blaze news show, a CW rep confirms. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Birthday boy

Tom Cruise turned 47 over the weekend with wife Katie Holmes and three-year-old daughter Suri. On his July 3 birthday — spent Down Under — Cruise caught an Australian Football League game. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Taylor Swift raps and rocks

Country star teams with Def Leppard, T-Pain

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

Well aware of her image as a wholesome adolescent country music sensation, Taylor Swift occasionally throws her fans off with her choice of collaborators.

Last year, CMT aired a Crossroads special that saw Swift team up with British hard rockers Def Leppard. And during last month's airing of the 2009 CMT Music Awards, Swift paired with the unlikeliest of duet partners — rapper T-Pain — on a humourous video called Thug Story.

That T-Pain-Swift bit, Swift explains during a telephone conference call, "was a collaboration between me and CMT. (The network) came to me and said we want you to be the focal point of the (show's) intro. They wanted me to play on the fact that all these (TV) specials that I do focus on me having a dream and setting my sights on accomplishing it. So why not think of some crazy things that people wouldn't expect you to do?

"So they let me write this rap. And T-Pain wanted to hear the track beforehand. I got up and rapped this whole thing for him and he couldn't stop laughing. The video was hilarious to shoot, too: I go to the mall, buy gangsta jewelry at this kiosk for $40. It was all meant to be really funny stuff."

Her collaboration with Def Leppard, though, was a much more serious affair but equally as fun.

"Stepping into someone else's studio is one of (my) favourite things," Swift says. "I have so many different levels of respect for people who make music that is different from mine. I understand what I do the most, but that's only because I've been doing my music for the longest time."

Swift has now topped the seven million mark in total record sales, which includes the triple-platinum late 2008 effort, Fearless. And her publicity continues to grow: A cover story for Rolling Stone magazine, ads for the Got Milk campaign, numerous awards including awarded the Academy of Country Music's Crystal Milestone Award (given for outstanding achievement in the genre) plus cameos in the Hanna Montana and Jonas Brothers In 3-D movies.

All this and a revelation of a public breakup with Joe Jonas, too. But Swift had her say on that subject months ago and is currently focused on her debut headlining tour, which she explains will feature some theatre-style elements to the performance.

"I grew up doing children's theatre," Swift says. "What I thought might be cool would be to have a big element of tour revolve around the theatrics to my songs — just dramatizations of what I've gone through in my life and what's going on inside my head."

in concert

- Taylor Swift plays the Pengrowth Saddledome tomorrow night.

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Taylor Swift, 19, has already sold seven million records.

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Tobey Maguire names son after himself
Tobey Maguire has named his son after himself. The actor and his wife Jennifer Meyer confirmed their son — born on May 8 — is named Otis Tobias Maguire. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

DVD picks

Knowing
Director: Alex Proyas

NICHOLAS CAGE never seems to turn down anything, especially if it has a sci-fi or fantasy angle, but he at least has a talent for finding profitable and moderately diverting films, as the National Treasure series has amply verified.

It's much the same with Knowing, a Biblical doomsday thriller that did improbably good box office back in the spring, despite recycling the plots of about a dozen such apocalyptic pictures.

A 1959 prologue sets the clock ticking on an ominous set of predictions. Asked to contribute to a time capsule, a weird kid in a Boston-district school submits a list of numbers that apparently mean nothing, unless you watch a lot of spooky movies. Too bad the dog didn't eat her homework.

Flash forward to 2009, and the son (Chandler Canterbury) of MIT astrophysics professor John Koestler (Cage) finds the numbers and shows his dad, a skeptic by training and an atheist by conviction (he blames God for his wife's death).

Much to his shock and awe, John discovers the figures have added up to reveal not just tragedies of the past half century (9/11 among them), but more to come — including (insert drum roll) the end of the world. Can he do anything about it? At least he has a beautiful accomplice (Rose Byrne) to go crazy with.

Knowing works best for people who know their Bible and who have a high tolerance for cheesy special effects. This would include director Alex Proyas, whose indie flair with 1998's Dark City has yielded to profitable hackwork built around morality tales (I, Robot being another) and incendiary set pieces.

Good for a cottage video rental — and isn't that worth Knowing?

Peter Howell/ for Metro Canada

Lawyer, music exec given control of Jackson estate

A Los Angeles judge handed temporary control of Michael Jackson's multimillion dollar estate Monday to a lawyer and music industry executive named as co-executors in his 2002 will.

Lawyer John Branca and executive John McClain were named executors in a will Jackson signed in 2002 that left his estate, valued at more than $500 million, to a trust benefiting his three children, his mother and charities.

The judge last week gave temporary control to Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, before the will surfaced, but with the 2002 document now filed in court, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff said "the law compels" that he put the executors in charge.

Beckloff set another court hearing for Aug. 3 to review the case, and said Branca and McClain must keep 79-year-old Katherine Jackson apprised of their dealings.

"We are relatively pleased with Judge Beckloff's ruling this morning. He's taken the unusual step of requiring that Ms. Jackson be kept informed of the administration of his estate in this preliminary phase," said Burt Levitch, an attorney for Katherine Jackson.

An attorney for Branca and McClain said they would carry out the pop star's wishes and maximize his estate's value.

The value remains an open question. Although the 2002 will valued Michael Jackson's holdings at more than $500 million, the 50-year-old singer was reported to be as much as $500 million in debt when he died of cardiac arrest on June 25.

Jackson owned one-half of Sony-ATV, which controls a music catalog that includes songs from The Beatles and other artists and has been valued as high as $1 billion. Jackson also owned a company that controlled the rights to music he recorded during his solo career, and its value is expected to rise over time.

JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES
Michael Jackson fan Jessica Trevithick writes a message in tribute to Jackson yesterday in Los Angeles.

Public Memorial

Since his death, media outlets have reported that powerful narcotics were found in Jackson's rented Los Angeles mansion, but none have been confirmed. Toxicology results from an official autopsy are expected in about one month.

Acting mayor of Los Angeles Jan Perry initially told a local TV station Jackson's family would hold a private burial at the city's Forest Lawn cemetery at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, but Perry later denied she had any information beyond what she had read or heard in the media. Family representatives have not released a time or date for a private funeral.

Thousands of Jackson fans picked up coveted tickets for a public memorial set for this morning. REUTERS

In brief

RINGSIDE WWII The Weinstein Co. is stepping into the ring to promote Quentin Tarantino's upcoming Second World War picture Inglourious Basterds. The studio is partnering with mixed-martial-arts organization the Ultimate Fighting Championship, which will feature the movie at the UFC 100, a large-scale pay-per-view event set for Saturday in Las Vegas.

RINGSIDE WWII Add another party guest to the Saturday Night Live reunion taking place on the set of the comedy Grown Ups. Tim Meadows, a 10-year SNL alumnus, joins former colleagues Adam Sandler, Maya Rudolph, Rob Schneider, David Spade, Chris Rock, Norm Macdonald, Tim Herlihy and Colin Quinn in the cast of the Columbia picture about high school friends who get together 30 years after graduation. REUTERS

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critics' corner

Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde
Reese Witherspoon returns as Elle Woods in this 2003 comedy sequel, which keeps the actress front and center when the script dips. Fired from a law firm for crusading against lab testing of animals, Elle takes her battle to Washington, D.C., where she teams with a supposedly like-minded congresswoman. 9 PM on KAYU

The Cleaner
William is hired to help a pregnant East Indian girl who is addicted to meth and whose father is forcing her to get married. He kidnaps the girl on her wedding day and decides to take her to his safe house for detox instead of to the hospital, where she is likely to be arrested in the new episode "The Projectionist." 8 PM on A&E

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
When a girl is kidnapped, her mother points Detectives Benson and Stabler toward her recently paroled ex-husband, Geno Parnell. After his alibi checks out, however, the detectives find the trail leading them to a master thief who is the father of Geno's ex in "Snatched." 9 PM on CFCN: 11 PM on KHQ

Pattinson not loving N.Y.

Filming in New York has not endeared the city or its women to Twilight star Robert Pattinson, who is said to be discouraged by the amount of attention he receives from his fans, popeater.com reports. "He's overwhelmed by all the girls — they terrify him," an insider says. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Who's the real Brüno?

INSPIRATIONS It looks like Brüno, Sacha Baron Cohen's over-the-top gay character, isn't as outrageous a fabrication as you may think, people.com reports. There's a debate raging in Austria right now over who the "real Brüno" could be, and there is not one but two contenders.

Alfons Haider is the front runner. A deliciously theatrical 51-year-old entertainer — actor, cabaret star, reality show host, singer — thinks the discussion is a hoot. "Aren't we a funny country? It's like there's no recession or other problems in the world. Here the press is worried about who the real Brüno is."

As for the resemblance with Cohen's creation, he tells People, "I only have four things in common with Brüno: I'm a man, an Austrian, I'm on television, and I'm gay — that's it."

He also has a theory about being Brüno's inspiration, adding, "Nine years ago, Sascha Baron Cohen studied in Austria for a year. Since I've done over 800 television shows in the past 15 years, I can't rule out the possibility that he may have seen one of my shows."

The only problem with Haider is he's not into fashion. Enter "Brüno" number two. Adi Weiss, a 33-year-old Vienna-based fashion journalist who, although still new to television, fits the rest of the bill.

Weiss is hardly as flamboyant as Brüno — he told People that he is "the most down-to-earth fashion journalist you'll ever meet."

As far as Weiss is concerned, though, Brüno is utterly a figment of his creator's imagination.

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Anniversary as Posh as it gets

ISLAND GETAWAY David Beckham has hired Thunderbirds' Tracy Island for his tenth wedding anniversary to wife Victoria, female-first.co.uk reports.

The soccer star has reportedly splashed out more than $200,000 to ensure he and the former Spice Girl are the only people on the idyllic North Island in the Seychelles — which featured in the 2004 film adaptation of the puppet TV series Thunderbirds.

A source said: "David and Victoria appear so in love. They have gone on lots of romantic walks, holding hands like a couple of newlyweds."

The 34-year-old sportsman has hired a private chef and a team of 20 staff members to look after Victoria and himself during their stay.

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London calling Madonna

HOME RUN Madonna misses living in London — and regularly flies back to the U.K. so her adopted daughter Mercy can experience life in Britain, female-first.co.uk reports.

The star fled to New York following her divorce from second husband Guy Ritchie last year. She tries to split her time between the Big Apple and the British capital but has recently spent much time at her New York residence.

However, since winning her appeal to adopt Malawian tot Mercy James, four, in May, the superstar singer has been trying to spend as much time in the U.K. as possible, insisting she still considers London her home.

She insists the regular visits to the city are good for her youngest child — because many of her London-based friends have children of similar ages to Mercy. She tells FemaleFirst; "A lot of my girlfriends here have kids so she (Mercy) has playdates every day.

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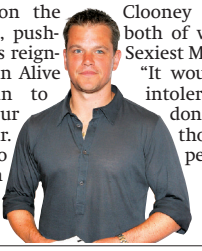
Damon rooting for Jackman

WHO'S SEXIEST? The political season is over, but Matt Damon is still on the campaign trail, pushing for People's reigning Sexiest Man Alive Hugh Jackman to take the honour again this year.



Damon also has ideas on who should not be up for consideration: His Oceans 11 cast-mates George Clooney and Brad Pitt, both of whom have been Sexiest Man Alive twice.

"It would be absolutely intolerable, so, no, I don't want either of those guys to three-peat," he joked.

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Miley single and loving it

TWEET SPOT It looks like Miley Cyrus and Nick Jonas are not dating after all, popeater.com reports. The Hannah Montana star took to her Twitter page to announce her love of the single life and to ask the Almighty to find her the perfect dude. "Dear GOD, I would like a boy that is like John Mayer / James Morrison / Elvis / Rob Thomas all in one. YOU'RE THE BEST!" METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chaz wants sex change on TV

REALITY CHECK After announcing her intentions to undergo gender reassignment surgery, Chaz Bono, formerly known as Chastity, is reportedly fielding offers from producers to document the transformation for a reality TV show.

"Chaz is adamant about recording her sexual identity struggles and her transition from female to male," a source tells the National Enquirer.

But it's reportedly something her mom, Cher, can't get behind. "Cher was shocked," another source says.

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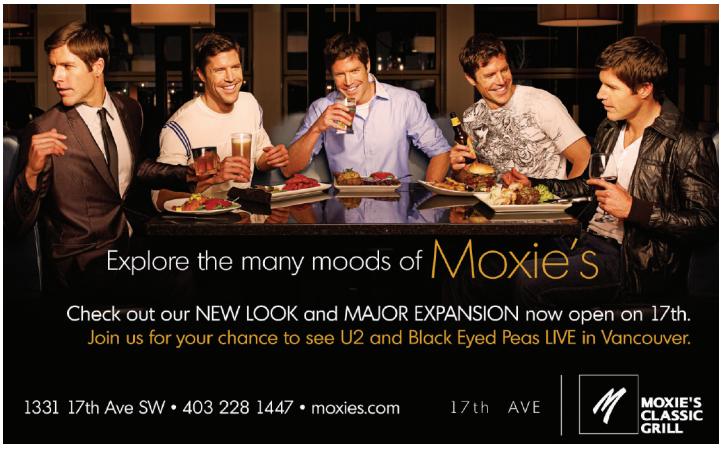

Today Some clouds 20 C / 10 C
Wednesday Showers 18 C / 9 C
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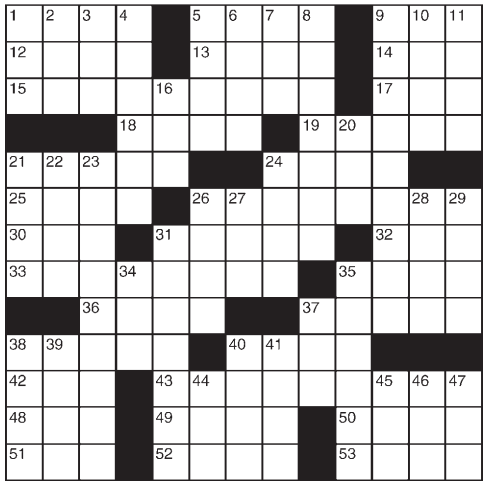

Crossword across

1 Parks or Bonheur
5 Chess piece
9 Dandy
12 Sleeping
13 Conception
14 White House nickname
15 Big-bucks specialist
17 Pinch
18 Heart of the matter
19 Holds sway
21 Add on
24 Mrs. Dithers in the comics
25 Advertising award
26 Presentations
30 Sun shade?
31 On all — (crawling)
32 Anonymous John
33 Cheap ride section
35 Carriage
36 "Star —"
37 Stash a lot
38 Crouch
40 Hoodlum
42 Triumphed
43 A little pointer?
48 Mimic
49 Russian river
50 Killer whale
51 Third degree?
52 Tardy
53 Spud's buds

Crossword down

1 U.K. fliers
2 Kimono closer
3 Rep.'s counterpart
4 At a slow tempo
5 Snapshots
6 Mine entrance
7 Tiny
8 NYC's Verrazano-— Bridge
9 Vodka brand or Sibelius work
10 Tom Joad, e.g.
11 Energizes, with "up"
16 Kibosh
20 Spoonbender Geller
21 Performs
22 Level
23 Tweaked
24 Heart
26 Drench
27 Embrace
28 No stay-at-home
29 Transmit
31 Worrisome
34 Historic time
35 Fifth president
37 Weeding tool
38 Trade
39 19th Hebrew letter
40 Summertime pest
41 Look lasciviously
44 Playwright Levin
45 Take a whack at
46 Lemieux milieu
47 — de deux

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	9			5			6	
		7	4		2	8		
3								1
7		1				5		8
			2		5			
6		9				4		7
9								5
		3	6		9	7		
	8			4			1	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

O	R	E	O	■	S	I	S	■
F	U	L	L	S	T	O	P	■
F	E	M	I	N	I	N	E	■
■	■	V	A	R	■	E	R	A
B	L	E	E	P	■	A	D	A
O	A	T	S	■	B	U	S	S
S	M	U	■	E	A	T	U	P
■	P	I	T	S	T	O	P	■
■	■	O	P	T	S	■	P	S
D	A	C	T	Y	L	■	M	A
R	O	O	T	■	E	L	E	C
A	N	T	E	■	R	E	S	T
B	E	E	R	■	S	O	S	■

O	A	H	U	■	■	■	■	■
■	X	M	A	S	■	■	■	■
■	C	I	T	E	■	■	■	■
E	R	A	S	E	R	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
T	R	E	Y	■	■	■	■	■
P	S	A	L	M	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
E	L	E	C	T	O	R	S	■
R	E	S	T	S	T	O	P	■
S	O	S	■	E	T	N	A	■

5	2	7	9	8	3	4	1	6
4	9	3	5	1	6	7	8	2
8	6	1	7	4	2	5	3	9
9	7	6	8	2	5	3	4	1
2	8	5	4	3	1	6	9	7
3	1	4	6	7	9	2	5	8
7	4	9	2	5	8	1	6	3
1	5	8	3	6	7	9	2	4
6	3	2	1	9	4	8	7	5

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Leek and Cheddar Cheese Tart

INGREDIENTS:
7–8 slim leeks, about 2 lb (1 kg) in total
Salt and black pepper
1/2 lb (250 g) fresh puff pastry
1 tbsp (15 ml) Dijon mustard
1 medium egg
3/4 cup (175 ml) cheddar cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 450°F (230°C). Put kettle of water on to boil.
2. Trim leeks to length of about 7 in. (18 cm) and rinse them. Arrange in single layer in wide frying pan, pour on boiling water from kettle, add pinch of salt, return to boil, reduce heat, and simmer, covered, 6–8 minutes.
3. While leeks cook, roll out puff pastry on lightly floured surface to 10 in. (25 cm) square, then transfer pastry square onto baking sheet.
4. Cut 1/2 in. (1 cm) strip of pastry from each of four sides. Dampen area around edge of square with water and trim pastry strips to fit flat on top of dampened edges, so that they look like picture frame; press lightly into place.
5. Drain leeks and cool under cold running water. Drain again, then wrap in folded dish cloth and press gently to remove remaining moisture.
6. Arrange leeks inside pastry case and brush with mustard. Break egg into small bowl and beat lightly, then brush border of tart with beaten egg. Grate cheddar cheese and spread evenly over top of leeks.
7. Bake on top rack of oven for 15 minutes, or until pastry is risen and golden and cheese has melted and is bubbling. Remove from oven and cut into quarters with serrated-edged knife. Serve hot or warm.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may not be able to control the way other people behave but you can control the way you react to their antics.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It might be wise to keep your suspicions to yourself today, no matter how much you want to confront someone with the evidence you have uncovered.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
What seems like such a good money-making idea now may turn out to be the opposite later on, so err on the side of caution today.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A lunar eclipse in your opposite sign of Capricorn means you won't get any sense out of partners and loved ones today.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It would appear that a deadline of some sort is putting you under intolerable pressure. Either find an easier path or forget about it altogether.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You have so much potential but there is a danger that today's eclipse could tempt you to overreach yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Disruption of some sort is inevitable today but it must not be allowed to deflect you from the objectives you are pursuing.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A plan made on the spur of the moment today is unlikely to work out the way you envisaged, so don't be too eager to push ahead with it.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It may seem as if you have gone as far as you can towards your goal and you may be tempted to give up once and for all, but don't be hasty.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
The lunar eclipse in your sign will make you rather emotional today, but that's not necessarily such a bad thing. Let it all out once in a while.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may feel as if events are running away and that may in fact be true, but why should it worry you? Sit back and enjoy the ride.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will have to choose between working with others and giving up some of your aims, or going it alone but without the support that teamwork brings.

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